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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER PERES ON SYRIA AND JORDAN

1. ON AUG 7 DEF MIN SHIMON PERES ADDRESSED ISRAEL-AMERICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON, WHICH WAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR TOON. TWO OF PERES' COMMENTS, DURING SUBSEQUENT QUESTION PERIOD, ARE OF CURRENT RELEVANCE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA PERES SAID THAT IF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SECOND STAGE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT ARE SUCCESSFUL, HE WOULD FAVOR TALKS WITH SYRIANS ON EITHER AN INTERIM OR OVERALL SETTLEMENT. HE NOTED THAT WHILE GOLAN TOPOGRAPHY IS NOT AS GENEROUS AS IN SINAI, AND HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING THAT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON GOLAN BE GIVEN UP, GOI SHOULD NEVERTHELESS EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES TOWARD AGREEMENT WITH SYRIANS. NO MOVEMENT AT ALL ON SYRIAN FRONT WOULD BE DANGEROUS IN LONGER TERM.

2. IN RESPONSE QUESTION ABOUT RECENT CHANGE IN JORDANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL, PERES SAID THAT JORDANIAN LEADERS SEEM TO BE ENGAGING IN A WAR OF WORDS. OF PARTIAL  
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CULAR CONCERN WERE APPARENT MOVES TOWARD UNION WITH SYRIA. PRIME MINISTER RAFAI, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD RECENTLY PROPOSED THAT ARAB WORLD BE REFORMED INTO FOUR MAJOR NATIONS: GREATER SYRIA, ARABIAN PENINSULA, REPUBLIC OF THE NILE

AND NORTH AFRICA. PERES SUGGESTED THAT JORDANIAN MOTIVATION  
MIGHT BE DESIRE TO OBTAIN SYRIAN AGREEMENT FOR REINSTATE-  
ME OF JORDANIAN AUTHORITY OVER WEST BANK ALTHOUGH HE  
DOUBTED EITHER SYRIANS OR PLO WOULD AGREE. PERES CONCLUDED  
BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT KING HUSSEIN WOULD NOT  
CONTINUE ON PRESENT COURSE WHICH COULD ONLY LEAD TO " RENEWED  
BELLICOSITY" ALONG JORDAN FRONT. IT WOULD BE A GRAVE  
MISTAKE FOR HUSSEIN TO TIE JORDAN'S FATE TO SYRIA AND TO  
ANY MILITARY BUILDUP AGAINST ISRAEL.  
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